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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:	Falb <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.:	2738
Serial No.:	09/970,820	Art Unit:	1636
Filed:	October 5, 2001	Examiner:	MICHAEL D BURKHART
For:	COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE	Attorney Docket No:	7853-0248-999 (709181-999242)

**PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY  
DELAYED CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, Applicants respectfully request acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of a prior-filed application under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicants respectfully submit that the prior benefit claim did not properly identify all of the prior applications and the relationship between each application to have the benefit of the filing date of the first filed application. The above-identified application was filed October 5, 2001, claiming "[t]his is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application serial number 08/386,844, filed February 10, 1995, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety." Applicants proper benefit claim should read as follows: "This is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/176,330, filed October 22, 1998, now abandoned, which is a divisional of Application Serial No. 08/485,573, filed June 7, 1995, now Pat. No. 5,968,770, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/386,844, filed on February 10, 1995, now Pat. No. 6,156,500." Applicants learned of this improper

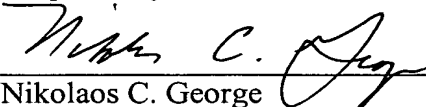
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Applicants believe the fee for this Petition is \$1370.00 and request that the fee be charged to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the petition fee, and any other required fees or credit any overpayment to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this paper is attached.

Date: April 4, 2005

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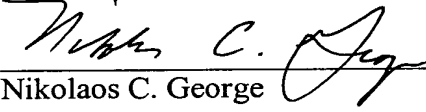
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